

Title (en)

AN INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC CROSS-VENDOR SMART-BUYING CLEARINGHOUSE

Title (de)

INTEGRIERTES ELEKTRONISCHES INFO FÜR INTELLIGENTE ANKÄUFE

Title (fr)

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Abstract (en)

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